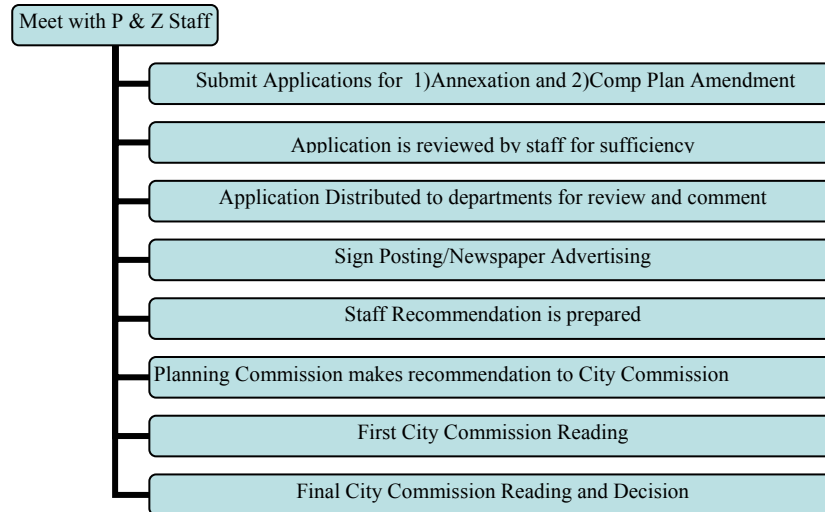


Annexation

Annexation is the formal process of expanding the legal boundaries of the City to include lands formerly outside the city limits. Per state statute, any area proposed for annexation must be compact, contiguous to existing city boundaries and must not create an enclave (island) of property that is not within the city limits. A comprehensive plan amendment must be submitted with all annexations, to assign an appropriate land use category to the land being added to the city.



The general process for annexation is described below:

1. Make an appointment to meet with Planning and Zoning Division Staff to review the process and requirements for annexation. Annexations require concurrent comp plan amendments.
2. Submit an annexation application.
Submit a comprehensive plan amendment application concurrently with the annexation application, for the purpose of amending the adopted Growth Management Plan land use category.
3. Staff reviews the applications for sufficiency, to determine if additional information is needed to process the application.
4. The application is distributed to City departments for review and comment.
5. Staff reviews the application for consistency with legal requirements, including the adopted Growth Management Plan and forwards its recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its recommendation.
7. The proposed annexation is presented to the City Commission for two readings.
8. The City Commission issues a final determination at the second reading.